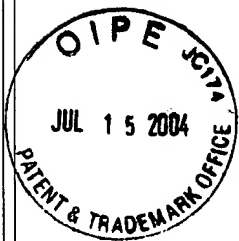


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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir :

A response to the Office Action of June 8, 2004, which required an election of species, was due by July 8, 2004. Included herewith are a Petition to extend the response period for one month, up to and including August 8, 2004, and a check in payment of the requisite fee. Please accept this response as timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that the claims of the application are directed to seven patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The Examiner alleged that Species 1-7 are shown, respectively, in Figures 1-3 and 10-12; 2; 4; 9; 5; 2; and 8. The Examiner further alleged that Species 1-7 correspond, respectively, to claims 1-8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13 and 14.

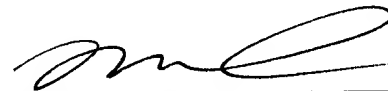
Applicants elect Species I of Figures 1-3 and 10-12 for further examination in this application. Applicants agree that claims 1-8 read on Figures 1-3 and 10-12. Therefore, claims 1-8 are elected hereby. This election is made without traverse. Applicants advise that no change in the inventorship of the application will be required as a result of the election of Species I.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the claims of the non-elected species.

Further examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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